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## Amnesty law in Kazakhstan marking 30 years of the Constitution

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This written declaration does not reflect the position of the Assembly; only of those members that have signed it. It will not be considered further by the Assembly.

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We, the undersigned, declare the following:

We refer to the Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy for 2024–2029, which promotes equal access to justice, particularly for women.

On 23 June 2025, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed into law an amnesty benefitting over 15 000 convicted individuals. Approximately 2 000 will be released, and others will have their sentences reduced. This measure, grounded on the principle of humanism, aims to humanise Kazakhstan's criminal policy.

The amnesty applies to those convicted of low- to medium-severity offences, particularly from vulnerable groups, including women with children, minors, and the elderly. It excludes those convicted of crimes posing a serious threat to public or State security. Eligibility is based on non-violent offences, cases with no or compensated damages, or social vulnerability.

We commend Kazakhstan's continued efforts in advancing democratic reforms, protecting human rights, and liberalising the justice system. The adoption of this amnesty law reflects a constructive step and may serve as a model for the wider Central Asian region.

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Kazakhstan's Constitution, we encourage the country to continue on its path of democratic reform.

*Signed (see overleaf)*



*Signed*<sup>1</sup>:

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Total = 23

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